GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI agents and smugglers are using international border for illegal activities as reported in Rashtriya Sahara dated June 11, 2007;

(b) whether the security forces are facing difficulties in monitoring the border areas; and

(c) if so, the details of the efforts being made by the Government to check these activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) & (b): Border Security Force is deployed on Indo-Pak Border. In the Gujarat sector, the Rann of Kutch area is inhospitable and during monsoon time, movement is difficult. As such, there are difficulties in monitoring the border area of Rann during monsoon. However, BSF constantly dominates the international border through its 120 Border Outposts. During the last three years, the following number of persons were intercepted by BSF from this area some of whom were reportedly acting on behalf of the operatives:-

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2005   - 104 Nos
2006   - 68 Nos
2007 (upto July) - 35 Nos
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(c): Government has approved construction of 310 km of fencing along with border road and 310 km of floodlighting on the Gujarat border. Of these, 217 km of fencing and 202 km of floodlighting has already been completed. BSF have also floating BOPs in Creek area. Besides fencing and floodlighting, modern and hi tech surveillance equipment have also been introduced. BSF also conducts special operation and maintain coordination with other security / intelligence agencies.